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ARMED ROBBERY SUSPECTS ARRESTED

RIVERSIDE, CA – Early this morning around 12:20 a.m. on Tuesday, October 9, 2018, Riverside Police Officers responded to the Starbucks, located in the 1200 block of Blaine Street in Riverside, for reports of an armed robbery. An employee was robbed at gunpoint by two suspects, who then fled the business. During the robbery, one of the suspects struck the victim with the weapon, causing injuries to his face and head.

As officers were investigating this incident, another in-progress robbery was reported nearby at the Denny's restaurant, located in the 1200 block of University Avenue, at approximately 12:50 a.m. The same described suspects entered the business armed with handguns. They ordered patrons to lie on the ground as they robbed them of their money and cellphones. They also forced the manager to open the safe before fleeing with the stolen property.

During the investigation, officers utilized the "Find My iPhone" application to track one of the stolen cellphones to the parking lot of the Motel 6, located across the street from Denny's. They reviewed video surveillance and were able to link the suspects to a vehicle and motel room. Three suspects were located and safely detained at the motel.

Detectives with the Robbery – Homicide Unit responded to assume the investigation, and a search warrant for the suspects' room and vehicle was obtained. Stolen

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property belonging to several victims was located, as well as the firearm believed to have been used during the commission of the crimes.

David Martinez and Jose Landeros, both 21-years-old of Bakersfield, were arrested for armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, and kidnapping. They were later booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center. A 17-year-old male juvenile suspect was arrested and booked into the Riverside County Juvenile Hall for the same charges, along with an outstanding warrant from Kern County.

Detectives believe these suspects may have victimized others who have not yet come forward. Anyone with information is urged to contact Detective Karla Corbett at (951) 353-7134 or kcorbett@riversideca.gov, or Detective Karla Beler at (951) 353-7138 or kbeler@riversideca.gov. Those wishing to remain anonymous can email rpdtips@riversideca.gov or utilize the Riverside Police Department's mobile app "Submit a Tip" feature while referencing incident number P18190814.

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